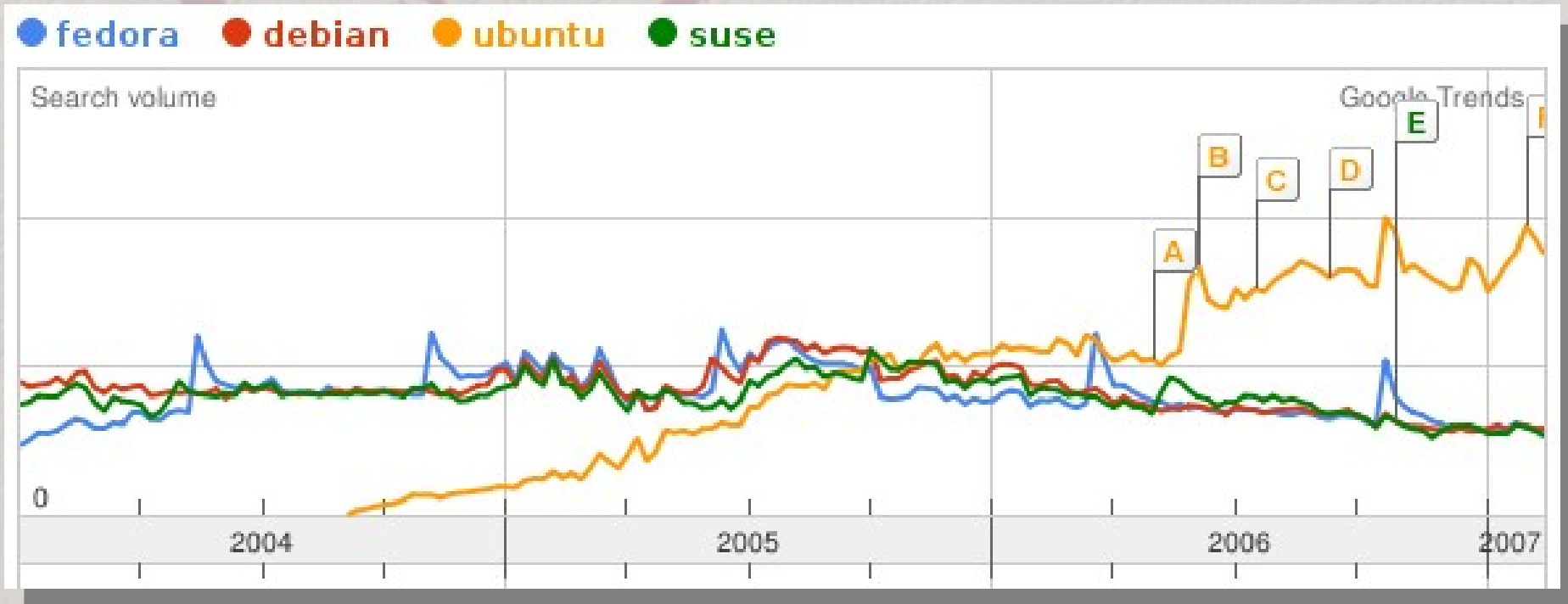# *Bits from the DPL*

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Why I am here

- ~~because I'm so handsome~~
- ~~because I'm so brilliant~~
- because you voted for me!
  (why, oh why?)

- a sexier distribution
- a more efficient project
  (and you want it too, it seems)

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- ◆ because it is what our users want

```
10 N = Now.Year() + 1
20 Print N + " will be the year of
   the OpenSource desktop, maybe"
30 Wait.Years(1)
40 Goto 10
```

- ◆ not just a launch menu
  - ◆ documentation, translations, integration, screenshots, user-friendliness, icons, themes, eye-candy, QA

The next Debian

- ◆ faster release cycles
- ◆ more frequent point releases
- ◆ bigger point releases
- ◆ kFreeBSD, armel, Solaris (?)
- ◆ multiarch
- ◆ … and a lot of cool, sexy new stuff

Why a more efficient project?

◆ we're not doing *that* bad
◆ but a few things can improve everything

Our core teams

- ◆ they have been doing the same thing on a nearly daily basis for years
- ◆ they're overwhelmed
- ◆ joining is not easy
- ◆ I'm working on that!
- ◆ but you can also help by finding ways to work around them
  - ◆ it gets things done
  - ◆ it gets things done faster
  - ◆ it relieves them from some of the work

Stop owning packages

- being is charge is OK, merely owning is not
- e-mails are not hostile acts
- bug reports are not hostile acts
- NMUs are not hostile acts!

- famous Wikipedia policy: **be bold**
- honestly, what can't you undo?
- do more NMUs!

What if you get hit by a comet?

- ◆ the whole universe disappears
- ◆ the whole universe struggles to survive without you

You can "die" in many ways

◆ you simply lose interest
◆ you have exams
◆ you move
◆ a billionaire hires you
◆ you have kids
◆ you get married
◆ people also really die :-(

◆ IOW, real life gets you

Make it easier for Debian

◆ shorter release cycles
   == lower tolerance for delays
   == higher impact of inactivity
◆ there's nothing wrong with doing
◆ but please, don't make it hard for Debian when you're not here

◆ use Alioth!
◆ give write access to more people!

Take back from others

◆ take back .desktop files
◆ take back translations
◆ take back *their people*!

◆ make it easier for translators, artists and documentation writers to join and contribute to Debian
◆ we don't want that evil non-free tool? OK, let's find another way

Communicate

◆ within Debian
  ◆ don't assume no one cares
  ◆ it's better to have a public place for everything
◆ with other distributions
  ◆ they are not hard to reach
  ◆ share problems, ideas, patches

Thanks !

◆ any questions?
◆ have a pleasant DebConf!

Slides available here:
   `http://sam.zoy.org/lectures/`